ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am at NHTI – MacRury Hall #136,

Members Present: Chair Jeremy Hitchcock, Vice Chair Nick Halias, Ashley Rennie, Ross Gittell, Harvey Hill and Susan Huard.

Members Absent: Nancy Pierce, Steve Guyer and Ralph Rojas

1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2012

VOTE: The Committee, on motion by Ms. Huard, and seconded by Ms. Rennie, voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2012 meeting as presented.

2. Academic Strategic Planning

Dr. Gittell reported that he has been meeting with the presidents every two weeks and the VPAA’s are now being engaged. They are making progress in several academic strategic priorities. The presidents have chosen an identified academic priority to work on such as common course curriculum, course sharing, online education and STEM.

Dr. Gittell met with Barbara Brittingham, President of NEASC, and discussed the idea of sharing courses and transferring of credits and grades. They were receptive to the idea and asked that we draft a proposal and submit it to the commission for consideration. The Chancellor would like to submit the proposal by June for consideration at the commission’s September meeting.

A brief discussion was held regarding course sharing. The Chancellor envisions having a portfolio of programs across the system that would automatically be accepted/transferred to a student’s transcript. The logistics of this concept were discussed. It was noted that centralizing accounts receivable (student debt) was done several years ago.

Ms. Huard stated that she and Scott Kalicki are working on online education and they will be looking at UMass and its centralized online course system.
3. Advanced Manufacturing Common Curriculum

Dr. Gittell reported that John Randolph attended the VPAA meeting last week to discuss the development of common core curriculum for Advanced Manufacturing. Good progress was made and the VPAA’s will be meeting with John Randolph again soon to continue working on common courses.

4. STEM Articulation Agreement with USNH

Dr. Gittell reported that Lynn Kilchenstein is leading the efforts on STEM initiatives. The committee will be reviewing all STEM courses across the system to see how they align with the USNH institutions. This initiative has a lot of public visibility, interest and support from the legislature.

5. Innovation Fund Update

Dr. Gittell reported that he met with the winners and reviewed their awarded amounts and have asked them to revise their budgets. The new Director of Strategic Planning & Initiatives, Kristyn Van Ostern, will be working with the winners on their projects. A brief discussion was held regarding a breakfast to be held for the applicants to give feedback on their proposals. There will be two more rounds of funding and proposals; the next being this fall.

6. Symposium - Reflections & Feedback

Dr. Gittell reported that participation in the system-wide Symposium was positive, with 600+ attending. The presidents have suggested alternating a full-day program and half-day program every other year.

Feedback received was in favor of CCSNH Board of Trustees members and Chancellor speaking and allowing a Q&A session rather than a motivational speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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